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53939 PINE GROVE ROAD
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ON PETITION

This is a decision on the petition, filed April 26, 2011, under 37 CFR 1.378(c) to accept the unintentionally delayed payment of a maintenance fee for the above-identified patent.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

This patent expired on May 3, 2009 for failure to pay the first maintenance fee. Since this petition was submitted within twenty-four months after the six-month grace period provided in 37 CFR 1.362(e), the petition was timely filed under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.378(c).

The 3 ½ year maintenance fee in this case is hereby accepted and the above-identified patent is reinstated as of the mail date of this decision.

It is noted that the address given on the petition differs from the address of record. If appropriate, a change of address should be filed in accordance with MPEP 601.03. Petitioner is reminded, however, that the mere filing of a change of correspondence address does not affect fee address. Therefore, if petitioner desires to receive future correspondence regarding any Maintenance Fee Reminder which may be mailed regarding maintenance fees for the above-identified patent, an appropriate "fee address" and/or "customer number" form should be submitted to the Maintenance Fee Division. A courtesy copy of this decision is being mailed to the address given on the petition.

Telephone inquiries concerning this matter may be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3204.

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